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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

41 CFR Part 301-8

[FTR Amendment 66]

RIN 3090-AG41

Federal Travel Regulation; Reimbursement of Higher Actual Subsistence Expenses in Special or Unusual Circumstances; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to the final rule, which was published in the **Federal Register** of Tuesday, June 3, 1997, (62 FR 30279). The final rule related to reimbursement of higher actual subsistence expenses in special or unusual circumstances.

DATES: Effective on May 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane E. Groat, 202-501-1538.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The final rule that is the subject of these corrections amended the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) (41 CFR chapters 301-304) to allow an agency to authorize or approve travel up to 300 percent of the prescribed maximum per diem rate on an actual subsistence expense basis under certain special or unusual circumstances.

Need for correction

As published, the final rule contains information, which may prove to be misleading, and needs to be clarified.

List of Subjects in 41 CFR Part 301-8

Government employees, Travel, Travel allowances, Travel and transportation expenses.

Accordingly, 41 CFR Part 301-8 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 301-8—REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES

1. The authority citation for part 301-8 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707.

§ 301-8.3 [Corrected]

2. Section 301-8.3 is amended in paragraphs (a)(1) and (b)(1)(i) to remove

the phrase "150 percent" where it appears and to replace it with the phrase "300 percent"; by revising paragraph (b)(1)(ii) to read "The amount established by the Departments of Defense and State for travel outside CONUS."; by removing paragraph (c); by redesignating paragraph (d) as (c); by amending newly redesignated paragraph (c) to remove the phrase "paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section" where it appears and to replace it with the phrase "paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section".

3. Section 301-8.3(a)(2) is revised to read as follows:

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(a) * * *

(1) * * *

(2) *Travel outside CONUS.* For travel outside CONUS, the maximum daily rate for subsistence expenses shall not exceed the amount prescribed by:

(i) The Department of Defense, Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, for nonforeign areas, as set forth in Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin No. 194; and

(ii) The Department of State, for foreign areas, as set forth in section 925, a per diem supplement to the U.S. Department of State Standardized Regulations (Government Civilians, Foreign Areas).

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Dated: August 5, 1997.

Peggy Wood,

Acting Director, Travel and Transportation Management Policy Division.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 0

[DA 97-1505]

Freedom of Information Act

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission is modifying a section of the Commission's rules that implements the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) fee schedule. This modification pertains to the charge for recovery of the full, allowable direct costs of searching for and reviewing records requested under the FOIA and the Commission's rules, unless such fees are restricted or waived. The fees are being revised to correspond to modifications in the rate of pay approved by Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 10, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Judy Boley, Freedom of Information Act Officer, Office of Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Room 234, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-0210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FCC is modifying § 0.467(a) of the Commission's rules. This rule pertains to the charges for searching and reviewing records requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The FOIA requires federal agencies to establish a schedule of fees for the processing of requests for agency records in accordance with fee guidelines issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). In 1987, OMB issued its Uniform Freedom of Information Act Fee Schedule and Guidelines. However, because the FOIA requires that each agency's fees be based upon its direct costs of providing FOIA services, OMB did not provide a unitary, government-wide schedule of fees. The Commission based its FOIA fee schedule on the grade level of the employee who processes the request. Thus, the fee schedule was computed at a Step 5 of each grade level based on the General Schedule effected January 1997. The instant revisions correspond to modifications in the rate of pay recently approved by Congress.

Regulatory Procedures

This final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order No. 12866 and has been determined not to be a "significant rule" since it will not have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more.

In addition, it has been determined that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 0

Freedom of information.
Federal Communications Commission.
William F. Caton,
Acting Secretary.

Rule Changes

Part 0 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 0—COMMISSION ORGANIZATION

1. The authority citation for part 0 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 155, 255, unless otherwise noted.